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## Christmas Holidays

### Second Carload Of Glades Rice Shipped Friday

Ritta, Inc. Harvest Amounts To \$2,000,000, Rice Co-op Manager Says

The second carload of Glades produced rice ever to be grown commercially here was shipped from South Bay last Friday. It was that harvested last week by Charles Fontaine and Joe Friedheim of Ritta, Inc., who had a 55-acre field of long grain, Century Patna planted about a mile west of Six-Mile Bend.

According to Peter LaChance, Glades Rice Growers Co-op manager, Fontaine and Friedheim began harvesting last Monday, finished Thursday. The crop was dried by South Bay Grains Company, and the rough rice loaded in bulk into an FFC car for shipment to Superior Rice Mill, Crowley, La., where it will be milled.

LaChance said that the Ritta, Inc. harvest was below expectations, as it amounted to only 50,000 pounds of rough rice, or about 9 barrels per acre. LaChance said, instead of the usual 20. He explained that both the Ritta, Inc. harvest and the harvest of Fritz Stein on Rabbit Island two weeks ago, had been affected by weather and blight damage. This winter, off to an evil start, has offered hot and cold winds, rain, and frost, and the recent freeze has upset the "heading up" of the grains.

However, since the 2,000 acres planted by Co-op members here represents the first attempt at introducing a new staple crop (Continued on Page Four)

### Sugarland Fair To Mark 30th Anniversary

Hendry County will be thirty years old early in 1953.

To mark this milestone, county residents will present the Sugarland Fair and Exposition at the Clewiston Fair Grounds on January 27th through 31st, 1953. Local exhibitors will occupy fifty-two booths in the Big Top and the Fair Grounds. County agencies, civic groups and businessmen are co-operating to produce displays of a highly entertaining and educational nature.

In cooperation with the Fair Committee, hourly daily tours will be conducted by the United States Sugar Corporation through its Sugar House, the largest raw sugar mill in the continental United States.

This exposition, showing the productivity and progress of Hendry County, is open to the public free of charge. The Clewiston Inn will be the center of social activities.

### 16 Games Set For Basketball Team

According to coaches Hector Ouellette and Calvin Peacock, the Belle Glade high school basketball team has 16 games scheduled for this season, before the tournament games of March. Last Friday's game with St. Ann's was canceled, the coaches say.

The schedule is as follows:

Jan. 10-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 11-At-Palm Bay	away
Jan. 12-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 13-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 14-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 15-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 16-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 17-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 18-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 19-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 20-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 21-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 22-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 23-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 24-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 25-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 26-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 27-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 28-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 29-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 30-At-Deerfield	away
Jan. 31-At-Deerfield	away

### CANNERY CONTINUES ON TAX EXEMPT LIST

Florida Foods, Inc., the cannery built here during the war, will be exempt from real and personal property ad valorem taxes in 1953, but will pay their occupational license, the City Commission decided Tuesday night.

A letter from the company told the Commission that in 1953, Florida Foods expects to operate not less than 6 months to employ not fewer than 125 people, and to have an annual payroll in excess of \$25,000. The tax exemption, which was granted to encourage new industry, is continued because of change of ownership has virtually kept the company in growing pains.

"It may interest you to know," the company wrote, that up to Sept. 1 the payroll for this year has "already exceeded \$100,000."

### South Bay Gay In Yule Dress

Recapturing the spirit of Christmas is evidenced this season by citizens of the City of South Bay. Their lighting project, which they are calling the Yuletide season would, we believe, top that of any city its size in the state and we feel they're to be congratulated.

This is the third year for the brightly lighted tree entering the City of South Bay. The tree, which is decorated by donations from the merchants and business men of the city. For the first time though, the city enjoys a bright array of Christmas street lights over the main section from near the City Hall, around the park and in the business section on road 27. In addition to the decorated Community tree on the school grounds (sponsored each year by the FTA) this year a lighted tree graces the front of the new city hall.

Credit for instigating the additional project, soliciting donations, and getting Christmas trees from the woods, goes to Chief of Police R. C. White, assisted by Thomas L. Dean. The project was approved and funds allocated by the City Commission. Electrical work was donated by Critchfield Electric Company and other work completed by City employees. Clayton and Mary Waters are to be commended on the attractive Christmas arrangement in their modern bungalow.

**MRS. GODWIN WINS BETA SIGMA DOLL**  
Beautiful "Miss Beta Sigma" doll sponsored by the Beta Sigma Sorority is now the possession Mrs. Charles Godwin. The drawing for the doll took place last Saturday night in front of the Glades Drug Store, with Penny Carlton "fishing out" Mrs. Godwin's ticket.

"Miss Beta Sigma" is probably the best dressed young girl in Belle Glade as she boasts over twenty different outfits in her wardrobe.

### NEWS OF GLADES BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE SERVICE



Boy C. Hall, S. N., is stationed with the Sea Bees in Japan and in a letter to the Herald he made his home in the people.

Before joining the Sea Bees in Belle Glade with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Allen, Jr., and was employed at Redding Super Market. He has two brothers in service, one stationed in Korea and one in Germany.

### Contract Signed For Two Bridges In Glades Area

Construction At Canal Point And Six-Mile Bend To Start Soon

A contract for the early construction of two Glades bridges and approaches was signed Friday morning by the State Road Department, which awarded the contract for building new spans at Canal Point and Six-Mile Bend to Cleary Brothers Construction Company, West Palm Beach.

Cleary Brothers, which estimated \$357,000 would complete both jobs, were low bidder among several contractors whose bids were received by the SRD at Tallahassee Nov. 20.

According to Merrill Barber, West Palm Beach SRD member, work on the two bridges will commence at an early date. The present bridge at Six-Mile Bend, scene of numerous traffic fatalities, has been termed "Florida's Number One Death Trap." Early this year, after five Miami men were killed there, red blinker signals were installed at both approaches to the bridge. Visible for long distances, the blinkers have reduced accidents at the bridge to nil.

Before Labor Day, in response to angry protests by a group calling itself the Citizens Committee for Highway Safety, which met following three deaths at Lake Harbor, another one-way bridge, red blinkers were installed at Canal Point, Lake Harbor, and South Bay bridges.

Money for the replacement of all four narrow spans has been budgeted by the SRD for nearly two years. So far, however, the SRD has not advertised for bids on the two latter bridges.

### LAWRENCE WILL OUT OF HOSPITAL

Rip Van Wilt, says Lawrence, will be out of the hospital in a matter of days. The following is a list of the members of the Jacksonville meeting of the Citizens Committee for Highway Safety, which met following three deaths at Lake Harbor, another one-way bridge, red blinkers were installed at Canal Point, Lake Harbor, and South Bay bridges.

Mr. Will refers to the fact that during the two weeks in hospital, he slept almost the entire time. He reports himself this week "in good shape," but "taking life easy."

His initial attack, he says, came on Nov. 9. After a second attack exactly one month later, Mr. Will was rushed to hospital and given transfusions.

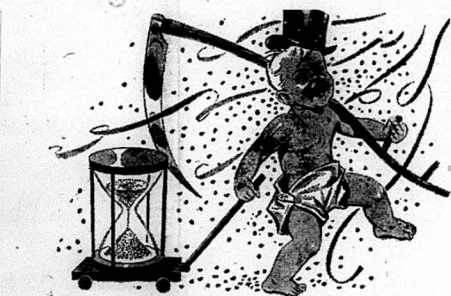
His physician is Dr. R. L. Pipes.

### NO POSSES, PLEASE AT F.H.A. DANCE

The F.H.A. will sponsor a dance next Monday night in the Old Gym at 8:30 p.m. Dress will be semi-formal with corsages outlawed.

Admission of fifty cents per person will cover refreshments and entertainment.

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We hope the coming year brings fulfillment of your fondest hopes.

And . . . may we put more of CHRIST in CHRISTMAS And . . . in each of the days following!

### The People Own Our Constitution And The Congress Is The People

BY LAWRENCE P. LEE, President of the Citizens Committee for Highway Safety, Jacksonville, Fla.

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The men who constitute the new Congress—or any other Congress—can continue in office only so long as they please their respective constituents. We have been fortunate during the last few years in having a Congress that included a majority of patriotic men in having the welfare of the country first and party discipline second.

There was a coalition between statesmanlike Democrats and statesmanlike Republicans, and that coalition proved to be the backbone of safety against the extremists who believe in centralized government with federal power as master of the individual.

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### McCabe Elected As Head Of New Brokerage Firm

A new brokerage group that has been doing business on a temporary basis for the past two months, last week formally constituted itself the Glades Brokerage Company.

E. A. McCabe, executive vice president of Pioneer Growers Co-op, Belle Glade, was elected as its president.

The firm was organized for the purpose of buying packing house supplies for its member houses as a group, to provide more efficient purchasing at lower costs, to assure more equal distribution, to be able to furnish supplies on demand, and to reduce the carry-over of stock.

Members of the newly organized firm are Everglades Growers Cooperative, Pahokee, Lake Okechobee Farmers Cooperative, Canal Point, South Bay Growers, Inc., Pioneer Growers Cooperative, and Wedgworth's, both of Belle Glade.

Officers of the firm, in addition to Mr. McCabe, are J. F. Waddell, Lake Okechobee Farmers Co-op, vice president; Jess M. Elliott, Everglades Growers Co-op, secretary-treasurer; N. T. Taylor, Wedgworth's, and D. Harry Smith, South Bay Growers, directors. Frank Doody, of Pioneer Growers, is manager of the new firm.

During October and November Mr. McCabe said, the group operated on a temporary basis and did about \$100,000 in business in hampers, crate materials, tubs, and other supplies.

This week at the cattle market, 297 cattle, 4 hogs, and 3 horses were sold for a total of \$22,410.35. The lot included 137 steers, 63 calves, 28 heifers, 46 cows, 19 bulls, and four yearlings.

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### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LODGE DISTRIBUTING XMAS BASKETS HERE

James W. Hicks, who operates the General Radiator Service here, assumed his official role of representative of the Grand Lodge and distributed for the West Palm Beach Lodge of Pythias ten Christmas baskets in the Glades to families whose names had been certified by local organizations.

Mr. Hicks states that in addition to the baskets distributed in the Glades the same number was distributed on the coast, and in addition the children of the County Homes were given a Christmas party.

### LOCAL STUDENT SETTLER LEADER



Robert Earl Mathews, Belle Glade, student at Stetson University, Deland, is one of six recently initiated into the Ye Mastic Krewe, Stetson men's leadership organization.

### HOOKER FAMILY HOLD REUNION

Another family reunion on Christmas day was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hooker in Chosen. Members of the family present included Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Lloyd of Ft. Monmouth, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Julian Field and daughter Kay of West Palm Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Creech, Jr., and sons, Young, Lane and Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mosley and son, Walter, Mr. and Mrs. John Hooker and sons Jackie, Ross, Dickey and Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roth and son Ray, Jr., and Bobby Hooker who is spending a vacation from his studies at Auburn.

### EPISCOPALIANS TO MEET WITH BREGGERS

Glades Episcopalians will meet Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bregger, Everglades Experiment Station, it is announced this week. Father John Clarence Petrie will be in charge of the group.

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### Conclave of PHD's At Soil Society Aids Fla. Farming

Discussions Prove Most Interesting To Dirt Farmers

A "gathering" of scientists, with PHD's as thick as Ford's on an assembly line, at Lake Alfred on the 13th and 14th departed from the formal technical discussions usually expected and talked soils, their diseases, pastures and their virtues in all important cattle sections Florida, so that the "man behind the plow" could absorb the information.

The occasion was the twelfth annual meeting of the Soil Science Society of Florida at the Citrus Experiment Station, with Dr. I. W. Wadell of that Station, President, presiding. Nematodes, "root knot" in this country, were discussed by the world's foremost authority, Dr. G. Steiner of the USDA with (Continued on Page 5)

### Contest Entries Feature Varied X-mas Designs

With lighted picture windows around the town, outdoor trees, candles, Santa Claus, and holly by the yard ushering in the holiday spirit, there were still only 21 entries in the home Christmas decoration contest, and 13 in the merchants' division, when registrations closed Monday afternoon.

According to Mrs. R. E. Hottard, Chamber of Commerce, judges of both Garden-Club and Chamber-of-Commerce sponsored contests were busy until late Monday night, touring the town and judging both classes of entries on a system of points.

Winners in the home decoration affair were Mrs. Richard Murphy, who took first prize of \$12 for her picture window at 16 NW Avenue H; while Mrs. Luther Jones and Mrs. L. D. Walker were second and third place runners-up. Mrs. Jones for a "Put Christmas in Christmas" outdoor decoration. Mrs. Jones' prize was \$7.50 and \$5 respectively.

Honorable mentions" were Mrs. M. J. McGowan, East Lake Road; Mrs. E. J. Schoepel, Indian Mound, Chosen; and Mrs. Genevieve Gove, 225 NW Avenue C.

Winner of first prize in the merchants' window division was William Thiebaut, realtor on South Main Street, whose window scene of the annunciation to the shepherds was awarded \$25. Second place money went to General Radiator Service, 233 SW 4th Street, which got \$15 for a window arrangement depicting the Adoration of the (Continued on Page Four)

### Frost Is Kind To "Mutt" Thomas

Every cloud has its silver lining, no disaster is so dire as not to have some mitigating circumstance. That what is one man's misfortune, is another man's fortune was never so clearly indicated as in the recent cold wave and frost which swept the Lake Okechobee Everglades.

While some snap bean growers suffered heavy loss and others partial loss of their crops, those who escaped reported higher prices for crops sold. Cabbage and other leafy vegetable growers find a little cool weather of an asset crop, improving quality and flavor where frost is not sufficient to kill or damage severely.

In this last cold snap, it was really the potato growers who (Continued on Page 5)

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**THIS NARROW CORNER**  
 By Mary Wiane

Before we start I say—by way of prologue—that these are Christmas stories, but true ones. Not sending out the spirit into fantasy, but instead, reaching back into recollection, trying to recapture some of the sights, smells, and sounds of other Christmases that are inextricably mixed in the memory of one adult — me.

Christmas is before and after, I have found, rather than now and then. It is anticipation and recollection, rather than the day itself. A strange accumulation of wants and desires, of expectations, of dreams, of other people's wants and desires.

Oscar Wilde once said, "I perhaps misquote — not having many books here, but having left them in Rome — 'There are two tragedies in life. One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.'"

There was a foreboding of this philosophy of sad satirist in Schopenhauer, when he said that Sunday was the poor man's idea of heaven: no work, no conflicts, and the satisfaction of most of his wants. Therefore, Sunday equals heaven; therefore heaven equals boredom. An idea of similar character, but different effect was later developed by Freud, when he advanced the proposition that the religious idea of heaven was a link — for the simple reason of having no aspirations, no concrete worries on which to vent out their anxieties.

This is not, as it may seem, a digression. It is part of the thought that some of the most poignant Christmases were those in which something was missing, whether a person, or something. Sometimes, perhaps even, a place. And if one remembers this, members that in one sense, Christmas represents "a man's reach" — the totality of his yearnings, and of his best self, in touch with God and the universe, rather than his grasp of the thing — the only slight sense of fulfillment takes its proper place — is only another sign of the fitness of things.

Life on an island has a peculiar sort of innocence. This water that washes about it is innocent, the very air is innocent. Having been born on an island, my brothers and sister and I partook a little of this innocence. My sister and I particularly, I remember, continued to believe in Santa Claus past the age when most children have learned the disillusioning truth; and we clung to our belief with an almost incredible tenacity, through all sorts of happy moments when the sorry facts were too intrusive for any except a subtle faith.

We went to Torry Island school in those days, a little "orchard" where all the children were taught in one room; and an overworked teacher in a room with such Christmas for the year that I was a pupil. We drew lots for an exchange of gifts. But that is getting ahead of the story. Living on an island, without communications, with boat transportation, the children, with the outside world, and were walled off the only means within, life presents different problems. Without refrigeration,

keeping up a running line of jokes that had the adults in stitches. We kids did not laugh. In the first place, we didn't understand the superb joke, and in the second place, Santa Claus was inspiring, a being in whose presence it was wrong to laugh. But soon the downfall came. Santa Claus, reaching a cottony sleeve towards the branches of the tree, leaned precariously close to a burning candle; and all in an instant, before anyone had time to realize, he burst into lively pink flames.

In the same instant, shouting, began and Santa Claus came out of the suit with the speed of light, leaving a dazzling line of torn red vest, white beard, and flaming trousers on the floor. As he stamped out the flames, we younger kids, too terrified and upset to consider like the damsel in Boccaccio — "murmured somewhat"; but the older ones shouted out disgustingly, "Why, it's old Dick LeFils!"

And then we recognized him. Of course, it was only "old Dick LeFils." The tone of the older ones suggested, "Explain that away, if YOU CAN!" But the power of a myth is strong; what the heart would move, the mind will find a route for. And when my mother explained, "Santa Claus couldn't get here himself just yet, so he asked Dick to come ahead," we swallowed it hook, line, and sinker.

Later, after the hurricane of 1928, when everybody lost everything; and after that, when this splendidly informed us "There ain't no Santa Claus," we swallowed hard, but good memories like handkerchiefs and wool underwear.

So then I remember the Christmases of the depression, when later Christmas was controlled by a Christmas of growing up, when one hoped for things of glamor, like bath salts, and good memories like handkerchiefs and wool underwear.

Longing for tissues and dolls replaced by longings for something else. And my parents' always trying to put in the little touch, the something beautiful, not practical, with means every-thing.

The Christmas of 1928 when my mother bought my mother a scrubbing brush as his best gift to her, and I cried uncontrollably. He never understood what the tears were all about. I believed privately that girls disgusted him anyway, and this was his only consolation, mysterious — thing about them, that they cried for no reason.

I remember the Christmas before my brother Jack died; and that afterwards, no Christmas has been quite the same since. But no Christmas is ever quite the same at all, anyway. That is said before, it was so magnificent and beautiful and sad about it.

I remember my first Christmas as a child, when my mother called Mary and me, so we children opened the package, a lovely box of chocolate covered cherries, which we laid out immediately. In the afternoon, when the cherries had already undergone a drastic metamorphosis in our young hungry insides, the McLendons came for their Christmas visit. They were here for the present, while we sat, writhing guiltily, praying for a miracle. When the guilty, shabby affair lay at last miserably exposed, only my mother's consummate tact saved the situation. From somewhere, she never knew where, she produced a stand-in present, acceptable to my brother, and pleasing to Mary. And that was that.

But mainly we remember the last Christmas on Torry Island before the 1928 storm. The tree to the mainland had been built by then, connecting us tenuously with Chosen and Belle Glade. But we still attended our own school. That Christmas, 1927, there was a huge party at the schoolhouse, with a decorated tree, lighted wax candles, and a gift exchange. The extraordinary thing was, Santa Claus was to be there in person. On the big evening, clutching our presents in hand, and dreading to breathe, we went into the schoolhouse with Mama and Papa, and took our seats. We sang some songs, I think, and gazed fascinated at the lighted candles which were to play so interesting a part in the evening; and then our teacher, Esther Beader (now Mrs. A. A. Krenshaw) announced a halt to the party. Santa Claus would give us his presents off the tree. Then, with a shout and a ringing of cowbells, a fat rambling Santa Claus came in, wearing good cheer. We stared at him, as full of heartiness, like handkerchiefs and wool underwear, calling out the names in that tone of stoked-up cheer that characterizes Santa Claus; and

recollections, dreams and wants all your own, that meant to you Christmas. Now, having bored you, I stop saying, "May you have almost—but not quite—all you want. And sometimes, during the holiday season, a few moments of peace and solitude, and many of God's blessings."

## CINAMATIC CHATTER

By Malcolm Millar  
 Hello everybody! Between his Broadway appearance as the second grade digger in "Hallelujah" and his current screen portrayal of a young man with great popularity, actor Edmond O'Brien has hit pay dirt. The roles roughly mark the trough and the crest of Ed's career; and if the diggings along the way have been uncommonly good, there's a reason for it. Ed started his professional career at the age of ten. Inspired by his New York next-door neighbor, the great Houdini, he set up a magic show in the basement and confounded his friends for a nominal fee. He did walk-ons in summer stock while attending high school, and after a year at college decided that the ivory-towered halls of learning were no match for the gaily lighted theatre fronts. After landing his first grave digger role, he put aside his shovels on tour with "Parnell," and after some middling parts, it was Shakespeare that set him on the road again — this time for Hollywood. His work in "Shakespeare in Love" brought him to the film capital for the remake of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." A booming letter was written to World War II, and while in service the versatile O'Brien handled the comedy of "The Air Force" "Winged Victory." Ed's instinct for the right role prompted him to turn down a half dozen offers until he landed "The Killers," which set his career rolling again. Since then O'Brien has risen to the heights as a great outdoor star. See you at the movies — Mal.

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## CONCLAVE OF PHD'S

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Dr. J. R. Christie and Mr. Vernon G. Perry of Sandford joined.

Walter H. Thames of the Belle Glade Station pointed out the benefits of flooding for control of "root knot" particularly where rice flooding may be utilized in a rotation program.

Control of celery seed-borne diseases by fumigation as well as the cumulative effects of fumigation on following crops were handled by several scientists.

The use of iron on both vegetables and ornamentals to satisfy a deficiency caused by an excess of copper accumulated from successive applications, was discussed.

Dr. Robt. M. Salter, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service, discussed the soil survey, which

is a cooperative work between the State and Federal governments.

Until recently two bureaus have competed in soil surveys, and the present program has been placed under the authority of Dr. Salter's Bureau. Dr. Salter assured his listeners that no let up in the basic surveys will take place, as that method is necessary in determining capability of soils. Information and knowledge turned up by Federal and State Highway departments, Forestry, Wild Life and other services will be utilized in the overall recommendations as to soil uses, said the Doctor.

Dr. Ernest L. Spencer, Soil Scientist in Charge, Gulf Coast Station at Bradenton, was elected Vice President, with Dr. Nathan Gammon of Gainesville being automatically elevated to the Presidency. Dr. R. V. A.

lison of Belle Glade was re-elected as Secretary.

Dr. S. A. Waksman of New Brunswick, N. J., world famous microbiologist, a charter member of the Society, and now an honorary life member, it was announced, is in Copenhagen to receive the Nobel prize in medicine for his work in antibiotics. The Secretary was asked to continue pressing for an affirmative answer to the Society's invitation to lecture at the next meeting on Antibiotics in Agriculture. Dr. Waksman has visited the Allison's at Belle Glade several times.

This world-famous unassuming benefactor to mankind, it is hoped, will honor the Society with his presence and encouragement many more times.

The proceedings of this meet-

ing are available in printed form from the Secretary's Office in Belle Glade through the regular yearly membership of \$1.

The subjects discussed are of interest to every Glades farmer and the buck is small pay for him.

When Scientists delving into agricultural subjects begin talking of their work so that an ordinary farmer can understand, then farmers begin to think that those scientists serve some special purpose in this world—and that's his high praise.

The Society deserves the farmer's support through a membership.

(Editor's Note—John Hollinger, Florida House member, of Palm Beach County, has been elected member of the Society and will attend the next meeting at "Athens.")

Ann Curry, alternate delegate;

Betty Easton, historian.  
Miss Curry told briefly of the Glades Council Short Course given in Tallahassee and the presentation of pins by Miss Hudson completed the business meeting.

## ANY MISSING SWEATERS, SHOES?

Mrs. C. W. McDonald, director of the Belle Glade Municipal Park says she has a large collection of sweaters, shoes and articles of wearing apparel which have been left at the park by various youngsters. She wishes parents who find their children missing some of their clothing when they return from playing in the park would check over the items she has on hand.

## CLOTHES MAKE THE BUICK DEALER RECOGNIZABLE

Because Southern Buick dealers in their annual conventional dress uniformly according to area, R. M. Davis, Belle Glade Buick dealer, sports a blindingly white tail fin on his car and a new sport suit these days.

"So it isn't only women who find the 'What shall I wear?' problem," Davis says.

It is always the preliminary to the conventions. This year, the dealers met at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, from Dec. 10 to 14. Apart from looking at each other's new hats and suits, the dealers also saw the 1953 Buick, Davis says, and in addition visited all the famous French restaurants in New Orleans. Mrs. Davis accompanied her husband on the trip.

## KENNETH LUTZ, JR. NOW A SERGEANT

Kenneth E. Lutz, Jr., Belle Glade student at Florida Southern College, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the ROTC unit at his school. Kenneth is the son of the proprietor of Lutz's Pharmacy on Avenue A.

## FROST IS KIND

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were favored by mother nature. Most of the potatoes were mature or so nearly mature that harvest was in the offing and the frost would grow the crop of killing the vines before digging.

C. Ashton "Mutt" Thomas of Lake Harbor states that he was just ready to start spraying weed killing chemical on his 240-acre tract of potatoes when the frost came along and did it for him, thus saving him approximately \$100 in cash which he would have cost to spray and kill the vines, before starting his potato digger in the field for the harvest.

Thomas is also lucky in having quite an acreage on Rittia Road, which is regarded as very warm land and subject to very rare frosts. He is now planting tomato seed and sweet corn on his island tract for an early spring crop.

## THE PEOPLE OWN

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ed immensely to this statesmanlike approach. The Florida delegation could always be counted upon when the chips were down and the issue was free enterprise—or a directed economy.

There is no finer tribute on record to the foresight of our founding fathers than that coalition of Democrats and Republicans in the last Congress who ignored party lines to vote as Americans.

The authors of our Constitution knew that political tyranny and economic tyranny are never separated. And so they were naturally aware that social freedoms are eventually squeezed out of existence when they are caught between the pincers of political and economic tyranny.

It was for these reasons that they established a tripod form of government which we commonly call our government of checks and balances. But the role of the Congress is emphasized in the Constitution, and all students of that document agree that such was the intent of its authors.

Let me quote briefly from Senator Willis Smith's remarks recently. He said: "It was with a profound understanding of human nature that these plotters of government who organized our system, and knew the history of government in the past, provided that the election of Congressmen should be every two years so that the people might have a chance to frequently express themselves upon public questions and policy. Those philosophers govern-

ment also knew that many times in the past the people have been exploited by their rulers, when those rulers were unrestrained in their activities, their whims and caprices."

It is almost startling to realize it, but the next Congressional election is less than two years away. It is not too soon now to begin thinking in terms of the Congress that will take office in 1955.

I say that because there are those who despise the institution of Congress and are still active in their efforts to keep it still viable, and they are determined to reduce the institution of Congress to the level of a Soviet rubber stamp. One election will not discourage their efforts.

The spide work of defaming Congress as an institution was accomplished in the early thirties and twenty-four years of oversteering the executive branch of the government have left their impact upon us.

If we value our own liberties and individual dignity, we ought to think in terms of the institution of the Congress as a sacred trust. That does not mean we yield our principle to criticize the individual Congressmen to the man who seeks public office expects criticism—as an individual. He cannot ask immunity from personal attack.

But that has nothing to do with the institution of the Congress. As we defend the institution of the Congress, we defend ourselves. We begin to realize that the basic law of the land that the individual power and authority under our Constitution belongs to the people. And the Congress is the people.

Certain cartoonists, columnists and commentators have played up every sin of commission or omission of individual members of the Congress as if the institution of the Congress itself were to blame for personal shortcomings. And the same coterie has played down the sins of omission or commission by the elected officers and appointed job holders in the executive branch.

This same coterie whips up a wave of criticism when the Congress seeks to increase the pay of its members. These propagandists attempt to spread the impression that our elected representatives are simply attempting to pad their own pockets from the public till.

The truth is that we have been penny wise and pound foolish in our care of Congress. We underplay its members. This is contrary to our own self-interest. It is to our advantage that men of the highest caliber should be attracted to service in the House and Senate. The

record shows that we have simply been lucky that so many capable men have served us in the national legislature at great sacrifice to themselves and to their families.

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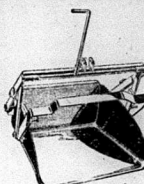
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**SOUTH BAY BEAN CITY LAKE HARBOR**

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McLeod and daughter Phyllis and Beverly left Saturday to spend the holidays in Georgia with her parents. They will make their home there for the present.

Sgt. and Mrs. Howard Woodham, Savannah, Ga., who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Woodham at Ozark, Ala., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mathewson and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Roadman entertained at a pre-Christmas family dinner Sunday. Guests were his mother, Mrs. Mrs. and Mrs. O. M. McAllister

Robt. R. Roadman of Centerville, his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Roadman of Winter Park, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Frier of Belle Glade.

Pellon Morris, principal of South Bay Schools, left Friday to spend the holidays with his wife and family at Philadelphia, Miss., where she has been staying with her father, who is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Price are moving from Chosen to South Bay. They have taken the Dawson cottage vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McLeod.

Sgt. and Mrs. Aubrey McAllister arrived Thursday from Camp Pickett to spend the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Cora Marlowe, his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. O. M. McAllister

In Bean City, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Touchstone in Fort Myers.

Miss Barbara Myatt, Junior High School teacher, and her mother left Friday to spend their holidays in New Jersey and Maryland.

W. G. Bowen and son Billy spent the week end in Statesboro, Ga., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowen.

A Brown family reunion picnic is planned for Christmas. Those in the party will be Mrs. C. J. Brown, South Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Daniels of Lake Harbor, Mrs. Seth Roundtree and son Stevie of Miami, Mr. and

Mrs. G. H. Brown and family of Clewiston, Mrs. Shiner Gove and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Royal and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Royal and family of Belle Glade, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Peet of Vero Beach.

Jesus Driggers, Commissary 3/c, Philadelphia, Pa., arrived home unexpectedly. Saturday night to spend the holidays with his wife in Belle Glade and parents in South Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Nail of Chattanooga are visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary McCarron, and sisters, Mrs. Clayton Waters and Mrs. W. R. Sullivan and their families. They were accompanied by Buddy Hicks and Miss Lois Deneva of Chattanooga. They were all Sunday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Waters.

Word has been received that Bonnie and Shelby Jean Hicks are convalescing patients at Thompson Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga.

Miss Lou Ann Austin, polo player at St. Mary's Hospital, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Austin. She is reported making satisfactory recovery.

Buck Cobb has received orders to report for induction into the armed forces and leaves soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hardy and three children of Lakeland are holiday guests of Mrs. L. O. Ratley.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hawkins of Miami were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Martin.

Mrs. Jenny Dorriety of Montgomery, Ala. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lesie Martin and Mrs. Josephine Ratley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Driggers, daughter Anne, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Driggers and daughter will have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Land in Fort Myers.

Mrs. Mary A. McCarron, Mr. O. E. Nail, Mrs. W. R. Sullivan, Gail, Marion and Ray, Jr. and Miss Lois Deneva visited Mrs. G. M. Waters at Goodno Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Martin will be hosts at a family reunion dinner at their home on Christmas day. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Martin and family of Clewiston, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawkins and Miss Verna Martin of Miami, O. D. Min, Josephine, Ronald, Glenn, Raymond of South Bay.

SOUTH BAY SCHOOLS START HOLIDAYS WITH PAGEANT, GIFTS, PARTY

School was dismissed Friday after a series of special events celebrating the Christmas season.

The annual school program was staged Thursday night at the school auditorium before a capacity crowd of parents and friends. The program took the form of a pageant in five acts.

The first scene depicted the arrival of Zacharias to whom the angel appeared with the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah.

The second scene was the coming of the angel to the Virgin Mary.

The third scene depicted Joseph and Mary hunting for a place to stay and finally lodging in the stable.

In the fourth scene the shepherds saw the star.

The fifth scene was the adulation of the shepherds and three wise men before the infant Jesus.

The program was prepared under direction of Miss Marian Najarian assisted by the teachers. Parts were all taken by pupils in the school.

A trio of Belle Glade girls sang carols.

Friday before dismissal for the holidays each home room group enjoyed a Christmas meal and party given by the room mothers and assisted by the teacher.

The children exchanged gifts and refreshments were served.

Friday evening at 7:30 the children, parents and friends gathered around the out-door Christmas tree on the school lawn and sang carols under direction of Mrs. Lesie Martin.

Mrs. Olga Hardy and Mrs. S. L. Beckman.

Santa Claus, played by Horace H. Walker, appeared coming down the main highway ringing a bell and all the children rushed to meet him, to shake hands and give him their Christmas orders.

Each child was presented with a treat of candy, nuts and fruit which had been prepared by the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Frank B. Willis was chairman assisted by room mothers and others.

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**BAPTISTS STAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Baptist Church presented their Christmas program at the church Sunday evening.

A Christmas program entitled, "Gifts" was presented. A lighted Christmas tree furnished decorations. Santa Claus was played by W. C. Allen, appeared and each child and adult in the church received a gift from Saint Nick.

**PAHOKEE MAN IN CHARGE OF COMMISSARY**

James Thomas of Pahokee has taken over the management of the U. S. Sugar Corporation Commissary at South Bay Plantation, he has also taken possession of the commissary manager's cottage on the plantation.

**COWBOY PARTY ENTERTAINS MANY YOUNGSTERS**

Mrs. John L. Evans of Bean City entertained Thursday at a children's cowboy party honoring her son John Brown on his fifth birthday. Invitations shaped in the form of a cowboy riding a bronco were written in white ink.

Four Shetland ponies furnished pony rides, followed by a wide ride. Playground equipment and games were also provided for the amusement of the little folks. Cowboy hats and balloons were presented to guests as favors. Hot dogs were served.

Guests were Pety Parrish, Joe and Beth Hobson, Jane Raoul, Gary Walker, Juanel Prevatt, Michael Brown, John Bamford, John Lee and Rickey Henderson, Lane Creech, Janie Lanier, Janet Crichtfield, Roger Strickland, Clayton and Payton Smith, Barbara Ann Cameron, David Johns, Frannie Hall, Steve Halbrook, Jimmie Prestrate, Susan Schoepel, Brenda Smith, Bryant Davis, Farrell Kaufman, Gail Sullivan, Sherry Hill, Doris Willis, Danny Dexter, Laura and Billy Rogers, Barney Weeks, Helen and Katherine Zywicki, Steve Rider, Danny Johnnetta Turner, Vicki Wilson, Suzanne Williams, Karol Sullivan, Susan Wierengo, Ray Sullivan, Katherine and Fred Smith, Joan Willis, Mark Breeding, Elizabeth Greisinger.

Lee Ann Berryhill, Norma and Gladys Dalrymple. Assisting with the entertainment of the children were Janice Summerlin, Mrs. Mary Waters, Mrs. Billy Rogers, Mrs. Syd Smith, Sr., Mrs. Syd Smith, Jr., Mrs. R. Y. Creech, Jr., Mrs. Marilyn Breeding and twenty mothers.

**LUTHERANS PLAN MORE SPAGHETTI**

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Peter's Lutheran Church wishes to thank the public for its generous support of the first spaghetti supper held by the group recently at the Edelweiss.

The turnout was so good as everyone attending had such a good time the Ladies are planning to hold another supper in the future.

The dinner committee included Mrs. Harold Riedel, Mrs. Maudie Kruse, Mrs. Dallas Nehls, Mrs. Victor Green, Mrs. Louis Kirchman, Mrs. Fred Kirchman, Mrs. P. A. I. Kirchman, and Mrs. Bob Flehs.

**VETERANS INFORMATION AND SERVICE**

By Melvin T. Dixon

State Service Officer

**SERVICE CONNECTION AVAILABLE FOR MANY VETERANS' ILLNESSES**

Veterans who have been in service since the Korean War should be alert for symptoms of ailments which were not detected at the time they were separated from the armed forces.

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original infection. Other diseases may have mild beginnings but grow more and more disabling as time goes on.

In several instances the presumptive period is longer than one year. For example, pulmonary tuberculosis developing to a 10 percent degree of disability or more within three years from date of discharge is considered to have had its incubation period for multiple sclerosis is two years, and a two-year presumptive period likewise applies to psychoses (for hospitalization and medical care only).

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